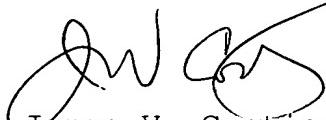


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled, without prejudice, to place the application in condition for allowance.

An early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

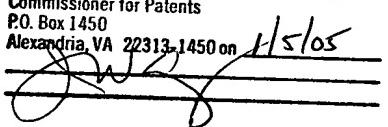


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